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MIDNIGHT SONS

**BLOOD
HUNT**

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PARENTAL
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IN MEMORIAM

DON PERLIN

1929 - 2024



Marvel pauses to remember longtime penciler, inker and former managing art director Don Perlin, who co-created Moon Knight and was a mainstay on series such as *Defenders*, *Ghost Rider* and *Werewolf by Night*. Born Aug. 27, 1929, in New York City, Perlin studied under Burne Hogarth and attended the Cartoonists and Illustrators School. He began professional work in the late 1940s and would work with Will Eisner on *The Spirit* comics before being drafted in 1953. Perlin wouldn't come back to comics full-time until the 1970s, when Marvel Editor in Chief Roy Thomas recruited him to draw *Werewolf by Night*. In that series, he co-created the vigilante hero Moon Knight with writer Doug Moench. He also co-created Tigra with Tony Isabella and was the longest-running penciler on the *Defenders* series. In the 1980s, he became Marvel's managing art director, working under John Romita Sr. and, among other things, helping oversee the up-and-coming artists in the Romita's Raiders program. He moved on in the 1990s to Acclaim and Valiant comics, where he co-created some of their most important characters. Perlin was well-liked in the comics field and respected for decades of great work. Our hearts go out to his family and all those who knew and loved him.





YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT BLADE.

HAVEN'T GIVEN UP, HAVE YOU, TULIP?

BECAUSE I KNOW HE WOULDN'T GIVE UP ON ME, DANNY.



THE WAY IT LOOKED TO ME...

...HE COULD HAVE STAYED. FOUGHT US. KILLED YOU.



BUT HE DIDN'T.


SO MAYBE SOME OF HIM IS STILL IN THERE.



MAYBE SOME OF HIM IS STILL THERE, YEAH.



AND WHEN I LAY MY SIGHT UPON HIM...

A dramatic comic book illustration featuring a character whose head is a flaming skull. The character has dark, spiky hair and is wearing a black, spiked collar with a thick, glowing orange chain draped over it. The background is a fiery, apocalyptic landscape with jagged, dark rock formations and intense orange and yellow flames. The overall tone is dark and intense.

...I WILL
KNOW.

BUT
THERE'S TIME
FOR THAT.

NOW, THERE
IS A WOUND HERE.
BETWEEN WORLDS.
AND FATE HAS
BROUGHT US
HERE.

TO
HEAL IT.

THE ONE
YOU KNOW
AS BLADE CAN
WAIT.

PENANCE IS
PATIENT.

When Lilith, Mother of Demons, sent darkness and demons to attack the Earth, a team of supernatural heroes gathered to defend it. They called themselves the **MIDNIGHT SONS**. Now, as darkness shrouds the Earth once more, the Midnight Sons must reunite—among them are Danny Ketch, empowered by the Spirit of Vengeance as the **GHOST RIDER**; **JOHNNY BLAZE**, once a Ghost Rider himself who now fuels his weapons with hellfire; **VICTORIA MONTESI**, a daughter of the Elder God Chthon and an expert in dark magic; and **BLADE**, a half-human, half-vampire monster slayer. There's just one problem...

MIDNIGHT SONS

BLOOD HUNT

PREVIOUSLY

Vampires have swarmed the Earth! When the **DARKFORCE DIMENSION** erupted and blocked out the sun, the Earth was bathed in eternal night—giving creatures of darkness free rein to attack humans all over the world. And **BLADE** is their leader! But Blade's ally and former flame **TUUP** was skeptical of Blade's motivation. Gathering the forces of **JOHNNY BLAZE**, **GHOST RIDER** and **VICTORIA MONTESI**, the four ended up in a haunted hospital in Chicago. Blade briefly confronted them before disappearing, leaving more questions than answers. Little did the **MIDNIGHT SONS** know, Blade was at war with **VARNAE**, the first Vampire, who possessed him. First, though, they must deal with the gateway to Hell lodged in this hospital...

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I DON'T UNDERSTAND. THIS IS A HOSPITAL.

IT'S A LOCATION.

AND SOME LOCATIONS ARE DOORWAYS.



THINK ABOUT REALITY LIKE OBJECTS STACKED ON TOP OF ONE ANOTHER. WHAT YOU KNOW, *YOUR REALITY*, IS AWAKE. THE OTHER HAS BEEN ASLEEP FOR A VERY LONG TIME.



SOMETHING WAS LOOSED IN THE WORLD AND WOKE UP THE SECOND REALITY.

AND IT'S BLENDING INTO THIS ONE.




LIKE SETTING A SHEET OF PAPER ON A WET TABLE, THE WATER SEEPS THROUGH.

AND THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE, MISS.



CAN YOU STOP IT?



THROUGH
RITUAL, I CAN PULL
THE SOURCE OF THIS
EVIL INTO THIS
REALITY.

AND THEN
MY FRIENDS AND
I CAN DESTROY
IT, CLOSE THE
GATEWAY.



AND YOU
NEED ME TO
HELP?




WELL...

SO...




...I NEED
YOUR FEAR,
JULIE.

MY
FEAR?



THE ENTITY HERE WILL
BE DRAWN TO IT, AND
YOU'RE THE MOST AFRAID
OF ANYONE HERE.

YOU
HAVE TO
TRUST US.
IF YOU WANT
THIS TO
STOP.



IF IT WILL PROTECT
THE PEOPLE HERE.
AND MAKE IT
STOP.



THEN
OKAY...

"...I TRUST
YOU."

WHAT DO
YOU NEED ME TO
DO, VICTORIA?



AND
THEN WHAT
HAPPENS?



THE ENTITY
OF THE GATEWAY
WILL COME.



AS
WHATEVER
NIGHTMARE
YOU
CHOOSE.
AND THEN
WE DESTROY
IT.



FEAR.
THAT'S
EASY.



"HALLOWEEN.
A COUPLE OF
YEARS AGO.



"I HATE
HALLOWEEN.

"SOMETHING ALWAYS
HAPPENS TO KIDS ON
THAT NIGHT.

"COLLEGE KID
CAME IN, HE WAS
ALREADY GONE.



"GOT HIT BY A
CAR, AND IT ALL
ENDED IN FIRE.

"WELL, I THOUGHT
IT ENDED, BUT
IT DIDN'T.



"I THOUGHT I
HAD TO BE
IMAGINING IT.

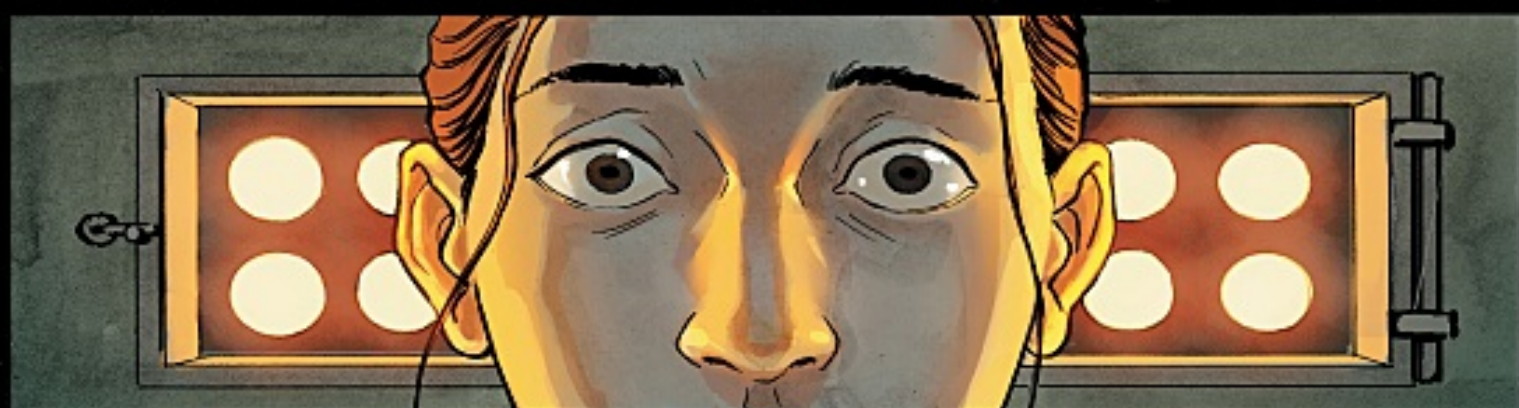
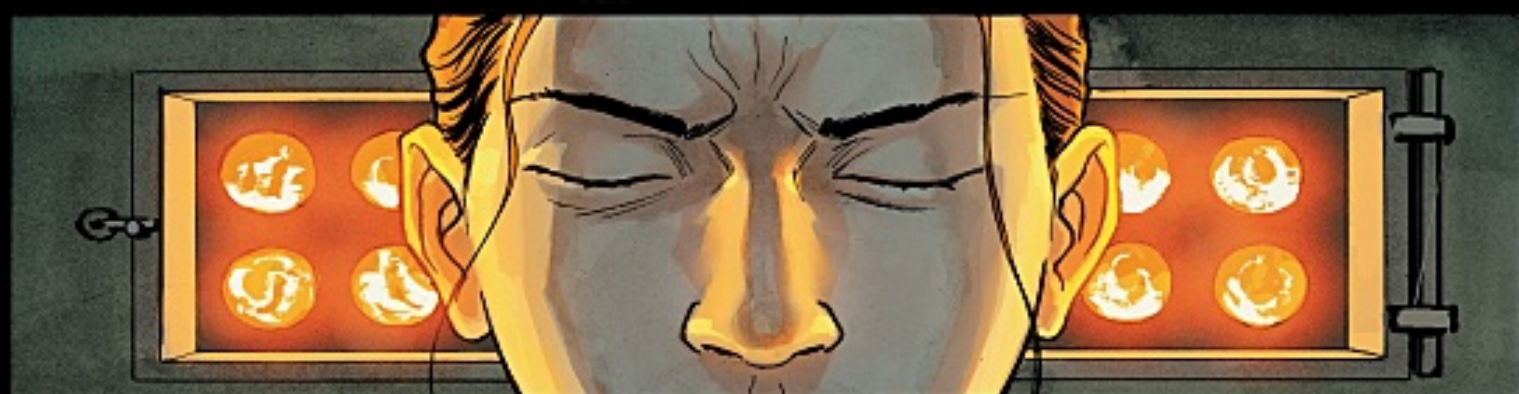
"BUT NOW
I DON'T
THINK I WAS.

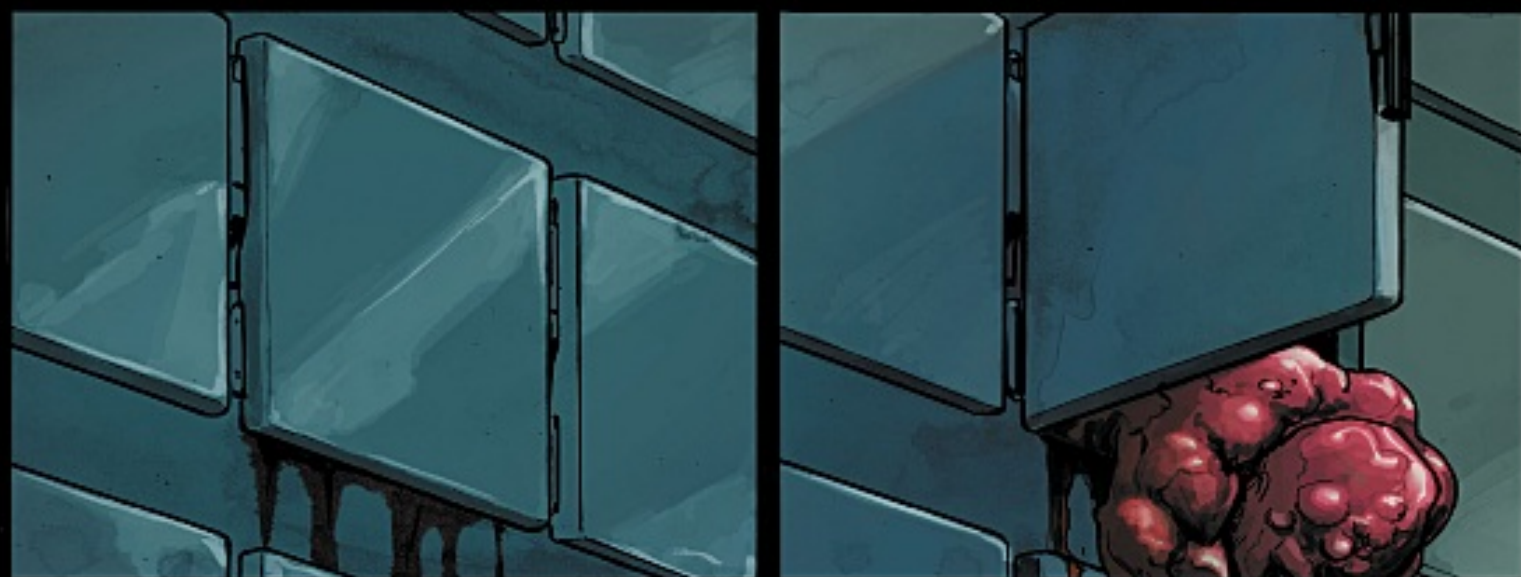
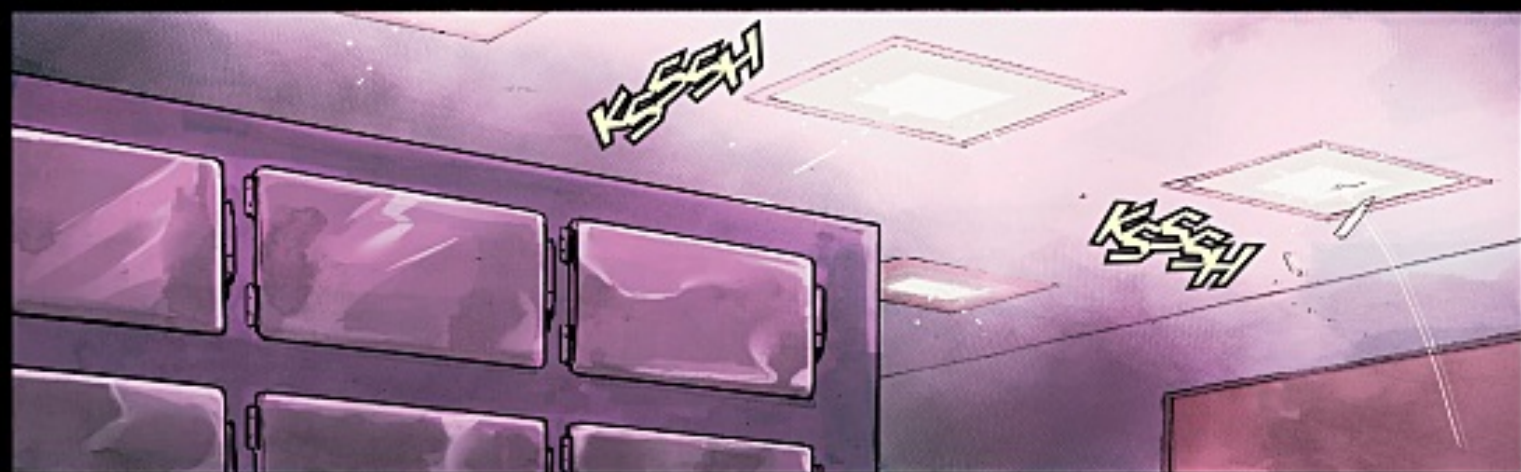
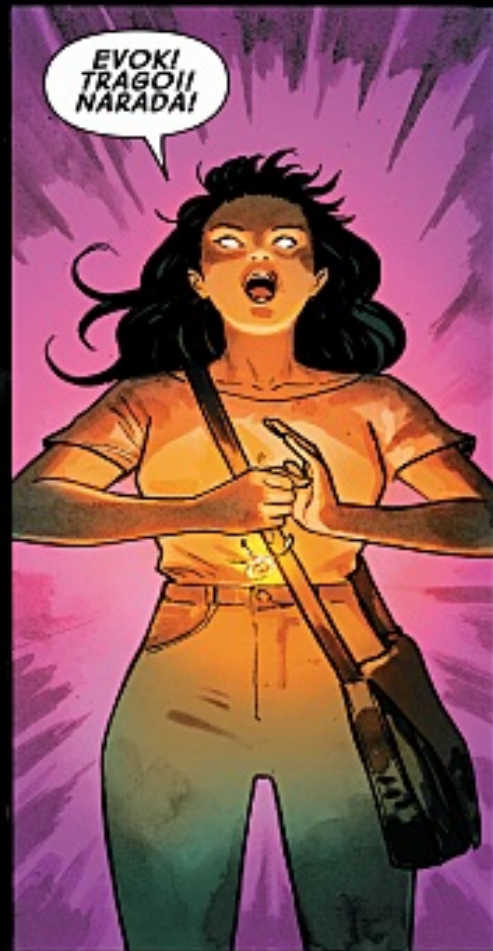


"I RAN OUT
OF THE ROOM.

"AND CONVINCED
MYSELF IT DIDN'T
HAPPEN."

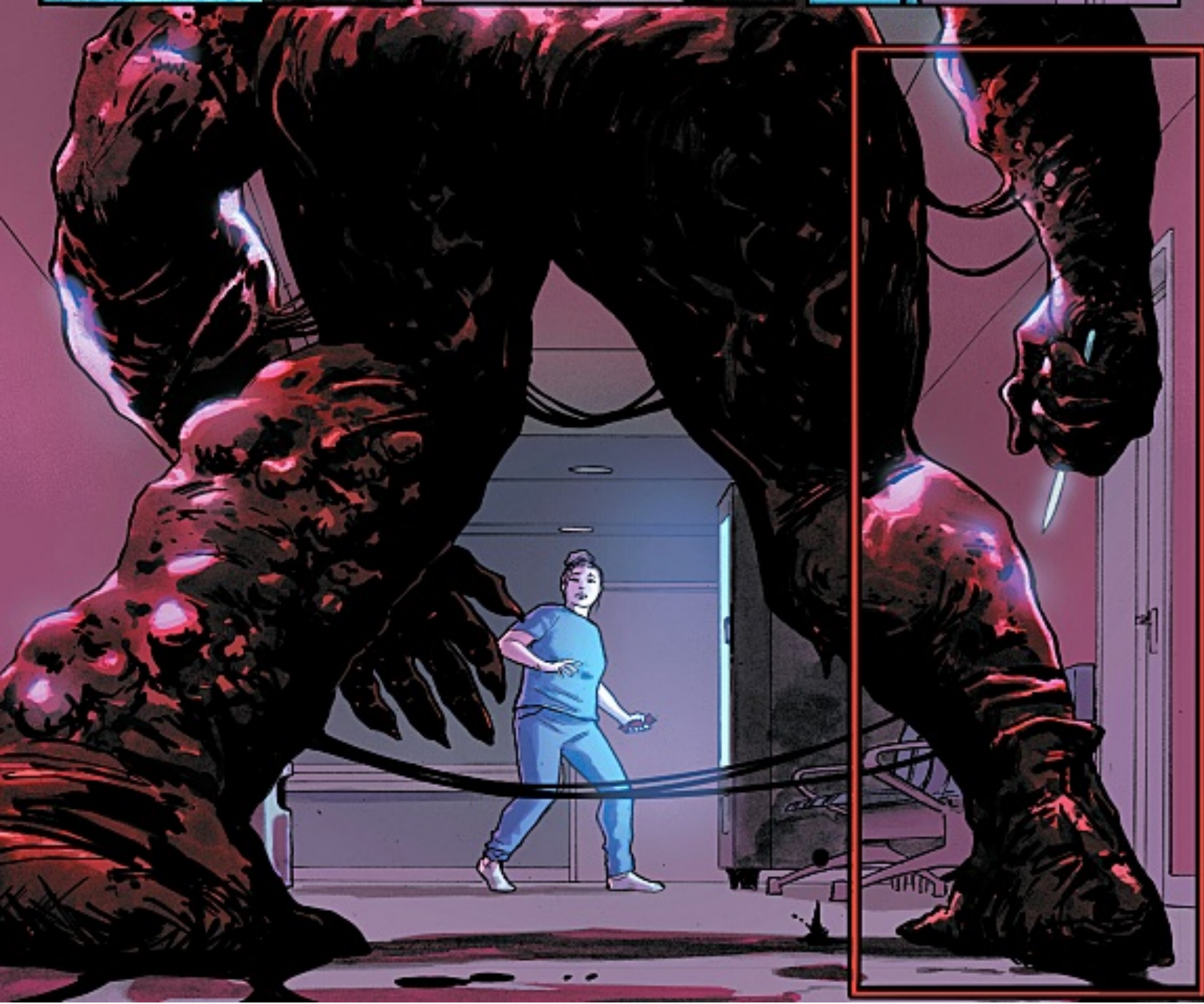
















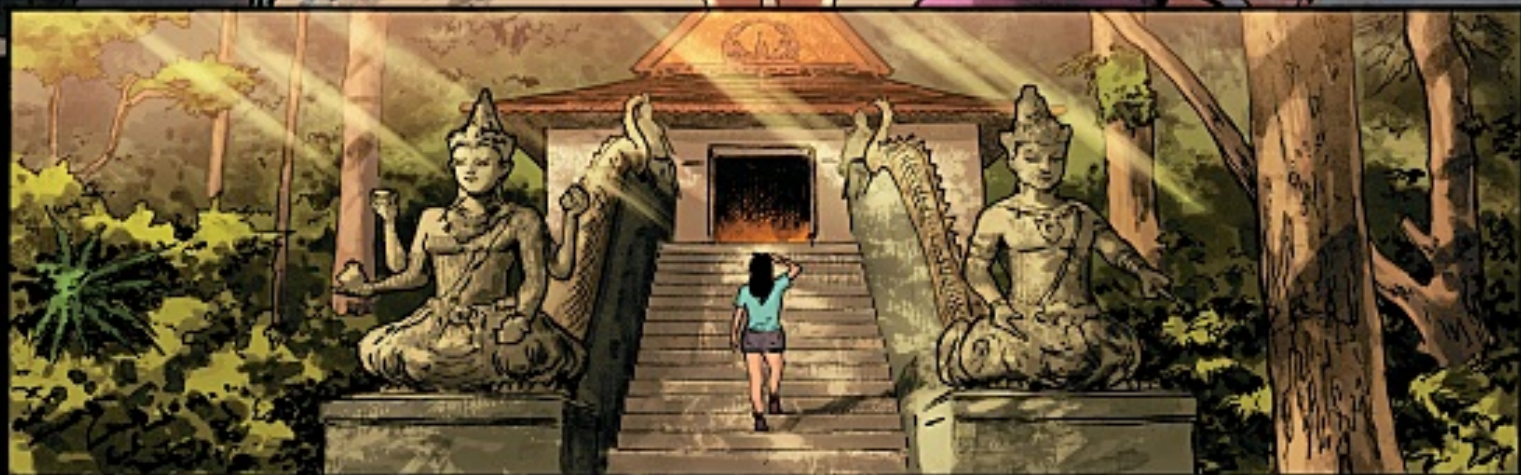








CHIANG MAI,
THAILAND.
WEEKS AFTER
THE DEFEAT OF
VARNAE AND HIS
BLOOD HUNT.





...BLADE.

YOU
DON'T NEED
IT.

I DON'T
WANT TO TALK
ABOUT VARNAE.*
NONE OF IT.

*SEE BLOOD HUNT #5,
ON SALE NOW! --WIL



YOU DON'T
HAVE TO. NOT
TO ME.



GHOST RIDER
STILL TRYING TO
STARE AT ME?

I THINK HE
GOT OVER IT.
THEY WENT THEIR
OWN WAYS.



NEXT:



Bryan Hill's saga on **BLADE** continues with an exciting new volume! With the harrowing events of **BLOOD HUNT** behind him, what's left of Marvel's most infamous half-man, half-vampire? Did any of the vampire within Blade survive? Did any of the man? Find out in October's **BLADE #1!**

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BLOOD HUNT

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- WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #3
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LAURA KINNEY THE WOLVERINE #1
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